

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Arbor Day was first celebrated in the state of Nebraska in 1872 in response to a state proclamation urging settlers and homesteaders to plant trees to provide "shade, shelter, fruit, fuel and beauty" for residents of the largely treeless plains; and

WHEREAS, on that first Arbor Day, more than one million trees were planted in Nebraska's communities and on its farms; and

WHEREAS, trees support our lives by providing us with paper, food for our tables and wood for our homes; and

WHEREAS, trees reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce life-giving oxygen, and provide habitat for wildlife; and

WHEREAS, trees in Greenbelt increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of business areas, and beautify our community; and

WHEREAS, Greenbelt is recognized as a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation and is pledged to continuing its tree-planting and tree-care practices, as well as its policy of preserving green space and forests to enhance its historic "Green Belt"; and

WHEREAS, to those ends, the City, in 2000, established an Advisory Committee on Trees to study, investigate and advise Council on matters related to the City's tree resources; in 2003, established a Greenbelt Forest Preserve; in 2007, established a Forest Preserve Advisory Board to monitor its management and maintenance; and in 2010 joined the Baltimore Washington Partnership for Forest Stewardship.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Emmett V. Jordan, by the authority vested in me by the citizens and City Council of Greenbelt, do hereby proclaim Saturday, April 2nd to be

ARBOR DAY

in Greenbelt and urge all our residents to support efforts to protect our trees which are a connection to our past, a pledge to our future generations, and a continuing source of joy and spiritual renewal for all our citizens.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, to be affixed this 29th day of March 2016.

EMMETT V. JORDAN, Mayor

ATTEST: Cindy Murray, City Clerk



Arbor Day



Tree Planting Event



The City Of Greenbelt is celebrating Arbor Day with a tree restoration planting. Show your support for Arbor Day by planting native trees and plants at Schrom Hills Park. Participants should wear gloves, clothes and shoes that can get dirty. Individuals and groups are welcome.

At 11 am, there will be a guided tree tour of Greenbelt Significant Trees, by the Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT).

TREE PLANTERS WANTED

DATE: *April 2, 2016*

PLANTING : *10 am – 11 am*

TREE TOUR: *11 am – 12 pm*

MEETING PLACE :

Schrom Hills Park

6915 Hanover Parkway

Greenbelt, MD 20770



For more information call Brian Townsend @ 240-417-2158 or btownsend@greenbeltmd.gov

RSVP to <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084eaaa72eaaff2-arbor1>